(*b*) All of them have been doing reporting work;

(*c*) & (*d*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), these questions do not arise.

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164. *MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any final orders have been passed regarding the construction of the Council Hall, the foundation-stone of which was laid by His Excellency the Viceroy in 1109?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The attention of the member is drawn to the speech of the Finance Secretary and the draft Budget for 1111.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know whether any design has been prepared for the construction of the Council Chamber?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : A general plan has been prepared, but not the design.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know whether that plan was accepted by the Chief Engineer to Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The Chief Engineer is examining the plan.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know whether the Chief Engineer has published a notification inviting applications for the appointment of two architects for the construction of the Council Chamber?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : What is the scale of pay fixed for the post for which applications are invited?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Rs. 100—150.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know the reason for proposing these appointments?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : In order to get the services of good architectural draftsmen.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know whether there are not capable men in the department to prepare the plan of the Council Chamber?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : There are no persons who are competent to make architectural designs.

PRESIDENT : There are no competent architects.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know whether the Chief Engineer is unable to make a design for the Council Chamber?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : He is not able to make all the drawings or for that matter, to prepare all the drawings.

MR. K. KUJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know from the member whether this architect for Rs. 150 or so will be able to construct the Hall?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): They are only going to make drawings.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the question of accommodation will depend on the design and plan of the buildings to a considerable extent?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes; all those aspects of the question have been considered by the Chief Engineer.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government consider that the Chief Engineer is the authority in this matter?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. T. K VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Does the Government recognise the difference between designing and drawing?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There is some difference.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether there are not persons in the Department who are able to do the work for which an advertisement is proposed to get the service of others?

MR. T.C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer reported that there are no men in the Department competent to do the work.

Appointments on Rs. 50 and above.

165. *MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of appointments in the State having a pay of Rs. 50 and above;

(*b*) the number of such appointments held by Christians;

(*c*) the number of such appointments held by Ezhavas;

(*d*) the number of such appointments held by Nairs; and

(*e*) the number of such appoinments held by Brahmins?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) to (*e*) Government do not propose to collect the information as the time and labour involved is out of all proportion to its possible utility.

Appointments on Rs. 150 and above.

166. *MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the total number of appointments having a pay of Rs. 150 and above;

(*b*) the number of such appointments held by Christians:

(*c*) the number of such appointments held by Nairs;

(*d*) the number of such appointments held by Ezhavas: and

(*e*) the number of such appointments held by Brahmins?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*)

(*a*) to (*e*). The member is referred to the Quarterly Civil List published by Government.

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